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# STAND DOWN VETERANS



## *Connecticut Cares*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**

**7:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

*Connecticut Veterans Home,  
287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT*

- **Veteran Benefit Information  
State and Federal**
- **Employment and  
Educational Assistance**
- **Medical Screenings**
- **Legal and Motor Vehicle  
Assistance**

**Veterans in Need:** To Pre-Register  
and learn more about

**Free Bus Transportation to Stand Down**

**Call: 1-800-550-0000, Ext. 5831**

Go to [www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva) and click on **STAND DOWN**  
for pre-registration forms and other information.



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
287 West Street  
Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067

Dr. Linda S. Schwartz, RN, DrPH, FAAN  
Commissioner

## **STAND DOWN 2009 FACT SHEET**

### **1. What is Connecticut STAND DOWN?**

STAND DOWN is a one-day outreach and support program sponsored by the State of Connecticut which enables needy and homeless veterans to receive services and information from over 30 state, federal and private organizations all assembled in one location. STAND DOWN is *not* a veterans benefits fair for the general public.

### **2. When and where will STAND DOWN 2009 be held?**

STAND DOWN will be held on **Friday, September 18, 2009 from 7 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the State Veterans' Home campus, 287 West Street, in Rocky Hill.

### **3. What type of assistance and services are available at STAND DOWN?**

Medical screenings and services; dental exams and services; legal assistance and court proceedings for misdemeanors; housing referrals; assistance with Federal VA benefits and disability claims; job counseling and training information; social security and social service benefits; financial assistance and debt counseling; higher education programs and services; mental/behavioral health counseling; motor vehicle licenses and ID cards; free haircuts; and comfort kits.

### **4. What are some of the participating agencies and organizations?**

Connecticut Departments of Banking, Labor, Higher Education, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Motor Vehicles, Public Health, Social Services, Transportation, the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, Office of the Chief Public Defender, and the Judicial Branch. Participating Federal agencies include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Social Security Administration. Other contributing organizations include the CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Yale School of Nursing, Connecticut Lions Clubs, American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

### **5. Who is eligible to receive assistance at STAND DOWN?**

Needy and struggling veterans living in Connecticut who have an honorable discharge from service in the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to attend. Unfortunately, Stand Down cannot serve family members.



## **6. Do I have to pre-register to attend STAND DOWN?**

Pre-registration is NOT required but it IS strongly encouraged. Pre-registration will save you time upon arriving at STAND DOWN and can help staff match you up with available transportation. **Veterans may register by sending in the pre-registration form or by calling toll-free 1-800-550-0000 X 5831.**

## **7. Is there any cost to attend STAND DOWN?**

No, there is no cost to attend STAND DOWN. However, there may be a fee for some of the services available to veterans, such as renewing a driver's license. A free hot lunch meal will also be served to all attending veterans.

## **8. Is there available transportation to STAND DOWN?**

Yes, free transportation will be available from designated locations in the state's major urban centers including Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, East Hartford, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Meriden, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Stamford, Torrington, West Haven, and Waterbury. Most busses depart for Rocky Hill in the between 6 and 7 a.m. and will return you to the same location in the afternoon. If you need assistance or information about transportation, please pre-register with the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs. Veterans are also encouraged to contact their local social service directors, veterans' counselors and shelter managers about available transportation from their area.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE: [www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva) for Updated Bus Schedules**

## **9. If I have my own vehicle, is there parking available?**

Yes, free parking is available for attending veterans – however, carpooling is strongly encouraged.

## **10. Do I need to bring anything to participate in STAND DOWN?**

Attending veterans are asked to bring any available forms of identification and a copy of your DD214 (Certificate of Discharge from Active Duty), if you have it available. Bring legal papers if you are participating in any judicial proceedings. There is absolutely no alcohol, drugs or weapons, including pocket knives/switchblades, allowed on the grounds of the State Veterans Home.

## **11. How can I pre-register or get more information about STAND DOWN 2009?**

To register or obtain more information, call Toll Free 1-800-550-0000 X5833/5831 or (860) 721-5831.

Also, additional information is posted at on the internet at [www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva).

**Stand Down 2009 is Friday, September 18, 2009 from 7 am to 3 pm**

**Location: Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs  
287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067**



## ***Veteran Registration Form***



**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dates of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you need a ride to Stand Down 2009: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**A number of federal, state, local, and private agencies and organizations will be available to assist with the following: (Please circle services needed)**

**Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)**

**Child Support**

**Debt Adjustment**

**DMV Help**

**Education/Training**

**Employment**

**Federal VA Benefits**

**Financial Counseling**

**Housing**

**Legal Help**

**Medical (dental and eye care)**

**Mental Health Treatment**

**Public Assistance**

**State VA Benefits**

**Substance Abuse**

**Other**

**ANY QUESTIONS CALL: 1-800-550-0000, Ext. 5831 (toll-free)**

**MAIL COMPLETED FORM  
TO:**

**Maria Cheney, Benefits Coordinator  
Residential Services Department  
Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs  
287 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067**

**OR FAX COMPLETED FORM TO: 1-860-721-5929  
OR VIA EMAIL TO : Maria.Cheney@po.state.ct.us**



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**STAND DOWN 2009**  
**TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District**

Bristol		
7:00 AM	City Hall	111 North Main Street
East Hartford		
7:15 AM	East Hartford Community Shelter	385 Main Street – Rear Parking Lot
7:30 AM	Friendship Center at St. John's Episcopal Church	12 Rector Street (corner of Main St. & Burnside Avenue)
Hartford		
6:30 AM	Stewart B. McKinney Shelter	34 Huyshope Avenue
6:45 AM	Open Hearth Mission	437 Sheldon Street
7:00 AM	St. Elizabeth House (South Green)	118 Main Street
Manchester		
6:30 AM	Samaritan Shelter	466 Main Street
Newington		
7:00 AM	VA Connecticut Medical Center South side bus/shuttle stop location	555 Willard Avenue

**2nd Congressional District**

Danielson		
6:30 AM	Access Emergency Center/ ACAP Shelter	51 Reynolds Street
6:45 AM	Brooklyn Halfway House	76 Hartford Road
New London		
6:30 AM	Covenant Shelter	42 Jay Street
Norwich		
7:10 AM	The Buckingham House	307 Main Street
Willimantic		
6:30 AM	VFW Building - Post 1724	1415 West Main Street



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District**

Derby	7:00 AM	Derby Railroad Station	Main Street
New Haven	6:30 AM	New Haven Green	Corner Temple/Chapel Street
Middletown	7:00 AM	Town Hall	245 Dekoven Drive
Milford	6:30 AM	Parson's Government Complex	Daniel Wasson Field
Naugatuck	7:15 AM	VFW	239 Rubber Avenue
Wallingford	7:00 AM	Wallingford Town Hall	45 South Main Street
West Haven	7:00 AM & 8:00 AM	VA Connecticut Medical Center Building 2 Main Entrance	950 Campbell Avenue

### **4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

Bridgeport	6:30 AM & 7:30 AM	Health Department	752 East Main Street
Norwalk	6:30 AM	Norwalk Emergency Shelter	4 Merritt Street
Stamford	6:30 AM	Columbus Park	Corner West Main Street & Washington Boulevard
Westport	7:10 AM	Gillespie Center	45 Jesup Road

### **5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

Danbury	7:00 AM	City of Danbury – Department of Veterans Affairs	198 Main Street
Meriden	7:30 AM	Shelter Now	43 St. Casimir Drive
New Britain	6:45 AM & 7:15 AM	Jim's Smokeshop	64 North Main Street
Waterbury	6:30 AM & 7:30 AM	Vincent DePaul Society Shelter	114 Benedict Street
Torrington	6:30 AM	Fish Shelter	332 South Main Street



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Federal, State and Community Benefit Providers Offering Services

Organization	Contact Person	Address	State	Zip Code
211 Info Line / United Way	Jennifer	1344 Silas Deane Hwy, Rocky Hill,	CT	06067
AIDS PROJECT	Aurelio Lopez	110 Bartholomew Ave Suite 3050, Hartford	CT	06106-22
American Legion	John March Jr	166 Farrows Street	CT	06260
AT&T	Dennis	550 Highland Ave, Middletown	CT	06457
Brain Injury Association	Sage Cochoran	333 East River Dr, Suite106 East hartford	CT	06108
Brio Academy of Cosmetology	MariyIn Rule	Ames Parkade, 1231 East Main Street, Meriden	CT	06450
BUS 1: Dept of Labor Career Bus		200 Folly Brook, Wethersfield	CT	06702
BUS 2: Dept of Social Service Mobile Office	Fred Diggs	25 Sigourney St., Hartford	CT	06106-50
BUS 3: CTWorks Career Coach	Frank Moore	350 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport	CT	06604
BUS 4: CT Dept of Motor Vehicles	Elaine	55 West Main St., Waterbury	CT	06702

Community Renewal Team	Jim SanSouci	555 Windsor St, Hartford	CT	06120-24
Connecticut Community Colleges	Phillip Cocchiola	61 Woodland Street, Hartford	CT	06105
CT Association for Human Services (CAHS)	Tracey Helin	110 Bartholomew Ave., Hartford	CT	06106
CT Board of Pardons & Parole	Rasa Pakalnis	55 W. Main St Suite 520., Waterbury	CT	06702
CT Department of Labor	Andy James	200 Folly Brook Blvd, Wethersfield	CT	06109
CT Dept of Banking	Kathleen	260 Constitution Plaza, Hartford	CT	06103
CT Dept of Higher Education	Carolyn	61 Woodland St., Hartford	CT	06105
CT Dept of Higher Education (Education & Employment)	Nancy Walsh	61 Woodland St., Hartford	CT	06105
CT Dept of Motor Vehicles (Suspensions)	Susan	60 State St., Wethersfield	CT	06161
CT Dept of Social Service	Fred Diggs	25 Sigourney St., Hartford	CT	06106-50
CT Soldiers Sailors & Marine Fund	John Monaghan	101 South St. 2nd Fl, West Hartford	CT	06110
CTDVA Office of Advocacy & Assistance	Donna Meskony	287 West Street, Rocky Hill,	CT	06131
CTDVA Social Work Department	Carol Portman	287 West Street, Rocky Hill	CT	06067
Disabled American Veterans Chap 10	Michael Warren	22 Platt Ave, Norwich	CT	06360



Division of Criminal Justice/State's Attorney's Office	Michael Gailor	300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill	CT	06067
Division of Public Defender Services	Gina DesBiens	30 Trinity Street 4th Floor, Hartford	CT	06106
ESGR	Tony	196 West Street, Rocky Hill	CT	06067
Families in Crisis	Joyce Betts	60 Popieluszko Crt 2nd Fl, Hartford	CT	06106
FoodShare	Krista	450 Woodland Ave, Bloomfield	CT	06002
H&R Block	Christine	1735 Ellington Rd, S. Windsor	CT	06074
Homes For the Braves	Joy Kiss	655 Park Avenue, Bridgeport	CT	06604
IRS	Maria Madera	135 High St. Hartford,	CT	06103
Judicial Court Reporter	Jerry Rankin	101 Lafayette Street, Hartford	CT	06106
Leeway Inc.	Lorrie Wesoly	40 Albert Street, New haven	CT	06511
Meryl Anne Spatt Esq.	Meryl Spatt	PO Box 2476, Waterbury	CT	06722
Military Support Program (DMHAS)	James Tacket	410 Capital ave, Hartford	CT	061340
Northeast Utilities (CL&P)	Stacey Gardny	P.O. Box 270, Hartford	CT	06141
Office of Protection & Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities	Jessica Rival		CT	
Permanent Commission on the Status of women	Theresa Younger		CT	

Reason to Ride	Don Barber	PO Box222, Taftville	CT	06380
Small Business Association	Greta Johansson		CT	
Social Security Administration	Mary Lynch	960 Main St., Hartford	CT	06103
Soldier On	Willie Ledbetter	421 N. Main St, Bldgs 6 & 26, Leed	MA	01053
South Park Inn	Brian Baker		CT	
Southern Connecticut State University	Jack Mordente	501 Cresent St., New Haven	CT	06515
Statewide Legal Services of CT	Jana Chiareto	425 Main St. Middletown	CT	06457
Support Enforcement Services		287 Main Street, East Hartford	CT	06118
US Dept of Labor	Lou Kennedy /	200 Follybrook Blvd., Wethersfield	CT	06109
USDA Rural Development	Mary Grasso	100 Northfield Drive Windsor	CT	06095
VA Connecticut	Pamela Redman	950 Campbell, West Haven	CT	06516
Vet Center	Donna Hyrb	25 Elm Street, Rocky Hill	CT	06067
Veterans of the Vietnam, Inc.	Penelope	2 Cliff Street, Norwich, CT	CT	06360
WDRC	Brad Davis		CT	
WellCare	Christine Lyons	127 Washington Ave Building E. 4th Fl, North Haven	CT	06473